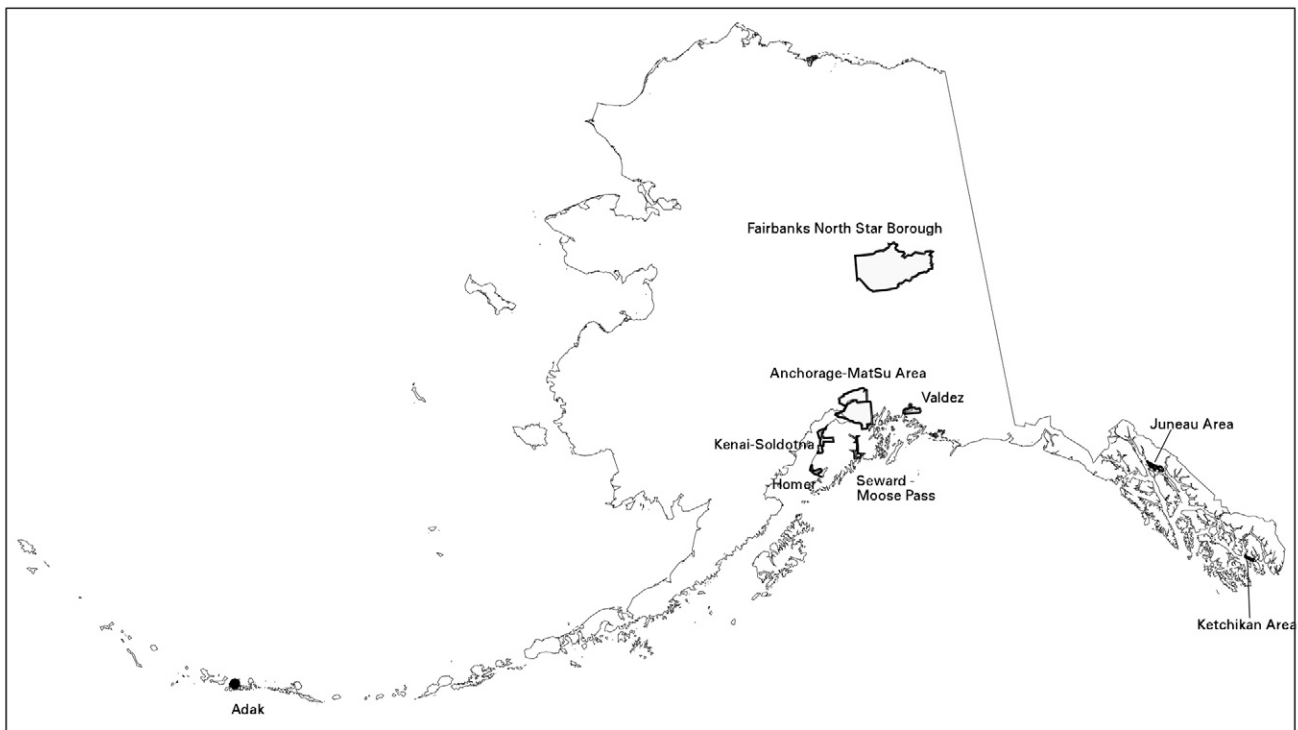


GENERAL INFORMATION

Do These Regulations Apply to You?

Are you a rural Alaska resident? You must be a rural Alaska resident to harvest fish and shellfish under Federal subsistence regulations. You must have your primary, permanent residence in a rural area to qualify to fish under Federal subsistence regulations. A seasonal residence does not qualify you as a rural resident.

Federal Nonrural Areas



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[See enlarged maps of nonrural areas on following pages.]

All communities and areas in Alaska are rural, except:

- **Adak**
- **Anchorage** (Municipality)
- **Fairbanks** (North Star Borough)
- **Homer area** (Homer, Anchor Point, Kachemak City and Fritz Creek)
- **Kenai area** (Clam Gulch, Kalifornsky, Kasilof, Kenai, Nikiski, Salamatof, Soldotna, Sterling)
- **Juneau area** (Douglas, Juneau, West Juneau)
- **Ketchikan area** (Clover Pass, Herring Cove, Ketchikan City, Ketchikan East, Mountain Point, North Tongass Highway, Pennock Island, parts of Gravina Island, and Saxman East)
- **Seward area** (Seward and Moose Pass)
- **Valdez**
- **Wasilla area** (Big Lake, Bodenbergt Butte, Houston, Palmer, Wasilla)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do These Regulations Apply to You?

1 Are you a rural resident? You must be a rural Alaska resident to harvest fish and shellfish under Federal subsistence regulations. You are a rural resident if you do not live in the nonrural areas shown on the maps on pages viii-xi).

2 Do you qualify for customary and traditional use? The Federal Subsistence Board decides which communities or areas have customarily and traditionally taken a species. Each fishery management area lists customary and traditional use determinations along with seasons and harvest limits, and any special provisions. When there is a positive determination for specific communities or areas, only those communities and areas have a Federal subsistence priority for that species in that fishery management area. If the Board has not made a customary and traditional use determination for a species in a fishery management area, then all rural residents of Alaska may use that species in that area.

If there is no Federal subsistence priority, then the Federal Subsistence Board has either made no determination or decided there is no customary and traditional use of that species. If the Board has made no determination, all rural residents are eligible to harvest that species under Federal and State management regulations. If there are no Federal subsistence seasons for that species in that Fishery Management Area, fishing for that species may be allowed under State of Alaska fishing regulations. Refer to the C&T Tables at the beginning of each fishery management area to identify existing C&T usage regulations.

3 Will you be fishing in Federal waters? The regulations apply only to waters on, flowing through, or adjacent to Federal public lands. This includes all waters within the boundaries of the conservation units (listed on page 1), regardless of land ownership within those boundaries. These lands are managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service. Federal waters include all components of the Wild & Scenic Rivers

System located outside boundaries of National Parks, National Preserves or National Wildlife Refuges, including segments of the Alagnak River, Beaver Creek, Birch Creek, Delta River, Fortymile River, Gulkana River, and Unalakleet River. These regulations do not apply on general domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, except on non-navigable waters.

The public lands described in this booklet may change through rulemaking pending a Department of the Interior review of title and jurisdictional issues. These regulations do not apply to waters on or flowing through State lands, private lands, or Federal lands selected by the State of Alaska or Native corporations, unless those lands are within the boundaries of Federal conservation lands. There are no Federal open seasons in areas that have no Federal public lands. Check the maps carefully to know what waters are under Federal jurisdiction. You may also contact any of the Federal offices listed in the back of this booklet.

4 What are the seasons and harvest limits? Check the season and harvest limit information for each fishery management area for open seasons for the species that you wish to harvest. Also note any special provisions.

5 What licenses, permits or harvest tickets do you need? No fishing license is required for subsistence fisheries, but some fishery management areas may require permits or harvest tickets. Subsistence users must possess and comply with any State or Federal permits or harvest reports. Unless otherwise specified, permits are not required to take fish by rod and reel or on a line attached to a rod or pole under these regulations.

Other important information. Read the special provisions for each fishery management area where you wish to harvest fish or shellfish. If you have questions, contact the Office of Subsistence Management (see inside front cover).